

RESOLUTION 18-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH RELATED TO BEACH CHAIRS, PROVIDING THAT WOODEN LOUNGERS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BE STORED ON THE BEACH OVERNIGHT AFTER OCTOBER 31, 2020; AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WITHHOLD OR REVOKE PERMITS FOR BEACH SERVICES OR OWNER OPERATORS WHO DO NOT REMOVE FROM THE BEACH OR ORDERLY STORE AT THE TOE OF THE DUNE BEACH CHAIRS AFTER OCTOBER 31, 2020; PROVIDING THAT NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO VENDORS OF BEACH COMMERCE; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE DATE.

Whereas, the City Council recognizes the white sandy beaches are the City's most valuable natural resource, and have enunciated a desire to keep the beach free of obstructions that impede both beach cleaning and raking equipment; and

Whereas, the Council desires to see the heavy wooden loungers replaced as soon as possible with lighter, more transportable beach chairs that can be carried off the beach or to the tow of the dune each night, but recognizes that beach vendors often use those wooden loungers for several consecutive seasons in order to recoup their investments in the loungers; and

Whereas, the Council finds and determines that allowing beach vendors two more full seasons to use the wooden loungers will fairly balance the Council's desire to keep the beaches free from obstruction against the beach vendors' desire to recoup their investment in the wooden loungers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

1. After October 31, 2020, the City Manager shall not be authorized to permit the overnight storage of wooden loungers on the beach.¹
2. After October 31, 2020, the Chief of Police is authorized and directed to withhold issuance of permits to engage in Beach Commerce or Limited Beach

¹ Section 7-124 of the City Code of Ordinances, authorizes the City Manager to issue permits for the overnight storage of items that are adjunct to a lawfully existing activity generally and for beach businesses or beach services specifically.

Commerce or recommend for revocation or suspension permits validly issued, as appropriate, to vendors of wooden loungers who, on any date after October 31, 2020, do not remove the wooden loungers from the beach. On and after November 1, 2020, non-wooden loungers may be lawfully stored in an orderly manner at the tow of the dune each night.

3. On or before December 31, 2017, the City Manager shall provide a copy of this Resolution to all Beach Services and Owner Operators currently permitted by the City to engage in Beach Commerce to notify them of the City Council's action and intention, and thereafter make available a copy of this Resolution to all persons applying to the City to engage in Beach Commerce.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Panama City Beach, Florida, this 14th day of December, 2017.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

By: 

Mike Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jo Smith, City Clerk